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TITLE OF INVENTION: VACUUM MEMBRANE EXTRACTION SYSTEM

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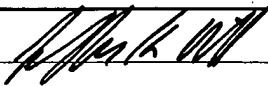
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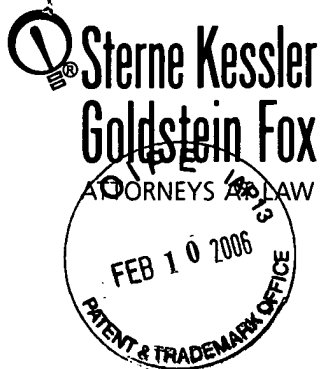
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 10/772,470; Filed: February 6, 2004  
For: **Vacuum Membrane Extraction System**  
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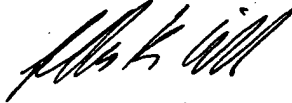
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